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Mr. Richard Streeter  
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RE: Abandonment of Ouachita Railroad, Inc. in Union Co, AR/Union Parish, LA  
Docket # AB-1122X, Junction City

Dear Mr. Streeter,

A staff review has been made of the information received on the referenced project. A portion of the rail line to be abandoned crosses the wellhead protection areas for both Junction City Waterworks wells in Junction City. We therefore request that Junction City Waterworks be notified prior to starting any abandonment activities at the address, below.

If you have any questions or comments, please coordinate them through Brad Jones at 501-661-2067.

Sincerely,

Lyle Godfrey, P.E.  
Chief, Technical Support  
Engineering Section

CC: Randy Young, Technical Review Committee, 101 E Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock AR 72203  
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## Richard Streeter

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January 20, 2015

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RE: 141218/1685 Ouachita Railroad Notice of Exempt Abandonment  
Surface Transportation Board Funding  
Union Parish

Dear Mr. Streeter:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent must be submitted no later than January 1, 2014. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.

- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

**Currently, Union Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.**

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at [linda.hardy@la.gov](mailto:linda.hardy@la.gov).

Sincerely,

*Linda M. Hardy*

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Re: Ouachita Railroad, Inc., Notice of Exempt Abandonment, STB Docket No. AB 1122X

On December 30, 2014, in my capacity as counsel for the Ouachita Railroad, Inc, I expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exempt Abandonment seeking authority to abandon 13.4 miles of a line of railroad located in Arkansas and Louisiana that extends from MP 112 near Junction City, AR to MP 125.4 near Lillie, LA. Attached is a combined Environmental and Historic describing the proposed actions and any expected environmental and/or historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

I am providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 245-0295 and refer to the above *Docket No. 1122X*. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned counsel for Ouachita Railroad, Inc.) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact Ouachita's representative directly. Ouachita's representative in this matter is Richard H. Streeter who may be contacted by telephone at (202) 363-2011 or by mail at Law Office of Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

Yours truly,

Richard H. Streeter  
Counsel for Ouachita Railroad, Inc.

Date 1/7/2014  
No known historic properties will be  
affected by this undertaking. This  
effect determination could change  
should new information come to light.  
  
Frances McSwain, Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer



**Louisiana Ecological Services Office**

1/5/2015

**ESA Technical Assistance Form**

General Information

**Name:** Louisiana Fish & Wildlife Service

**Point of Contact:** Joshua Marceaux

**Address:** 209 Nature Road

**City:** Lake Arthur

**State:** Louisiana

**Zip Code:** 70549

**Phone Number 1:** 337/774-5923

**Phone Number 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** Joshua-marceaux@fws.gov

Proposed Project Information

**Project Reference ID:** 4119

**Project Latitude:** 33° 1' 9" North **Project Longitude:** 43° 22' 0" West

**Project Parish(es):** Union

**Project Description:** The line of railroad to be abandoned extends through farm land in a southeastern direction to just southeast of Lillie, Louisiana to a point that appears to be at 32 54 55 Latitude and -92 38 37 Longitude.

Based on the information provided, the proposed project is not an activity that would affect a federally listed threatened or endangered species; nor is there proposed or designated critical habitat present within this Parish.

Therefore, a "no effect" conclusion is appropriate. No further ESA coordination with the Service is necessary for the proposed action, unless there are changes in the scope or location of the proposed project or the project has not been initiated one year from the date of this letter.

If the proposed project has not been initiated within one year, follow-up coordination via this website should be accomplished prior to making expenditures because our threatened and endangered species information is updated annually. If the scope or location of the proposed project is changed, coordination via this website should occur as soon as such changes are made.

This finding completes project review by the Service for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the ESA.

Please keep a copy of this pre-development coordination for your records. Do not send it to the Lafayette ES Office.

If you have additional questions, please contact Louisiana ES Office Biological Science Technician at 337/291-3100 for further assistance.



**Louisiana Ecological Services Office**

1/5/2015

**ESA Technical Assistance Form**

**Project Type: Other**

Does the project propose to obtain, remodel, refurbish, or rehabilitate existing structures in such a way that does not significantly alter the present capacity or use, and does not alter surrounding land areas that were previously undisturbed? **Yes**